(iv) Efficient use of water, exploiting groundwater, completing near—completion irrigation projects and on-farm development works; and

(v) Improvement of credit system.

(c) The crop-wise break-up of the target is given below:—

Crop	Production Targe for 1988--89 (Million tonnes)
1. Rice . . .	68.00
2. Wheat . .	52.00
3. Other cereals (coarse cereals) . .	33.00
4. Pulses . .	13.00
Total:	166.00

Import of pig iron on concessional duty

504. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has decided to support the demands of the foundry industry for the import of pig iron on concessional duty;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the quantum of pig iron production during the year 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The Steel Authority of India Limited have proposed a scheme for meeting the requirements of pig iron by supplementing the domestic availability through imports.

(b) Imports are essential since the domestic production is inadequate to meet the demand.

(c) During 1987-88 the production of pig iron has been around 1.3 million tonnes.

Technology Mission on Dairy Development

505. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have decided to create a Technology Mission on Dairy Development in the country to raise the standard of living of the rural population;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Chairman of the NDDB has submitted any report on the proposed Mission; and

(d) if so, in what manner Government propose to create dairy facilities under the above Technology Mission in the villages not covered under the Operation Flood Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) A proposal for establishing a Technology Mission for Dairy Development has been received from National Dairy Development Board.

The main objectives of the Technology Mission would be to accelerate the place of increasing rural income and employment through dairy development and to consolidate the achievements of the cooperative dairy sector using the infrastructure already established in this regard. In keeping with the above objectives the proposal *inter-alia* envisages to achieve by the year 2000 (i) extension of the cooperative structure to about 275 districts, (ii) production of 70 million tonnes of milk per year, and (iii) increasing per capita availability of milk to about 196 gms. per day, etc.